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### AMENDMENT

In the claims:

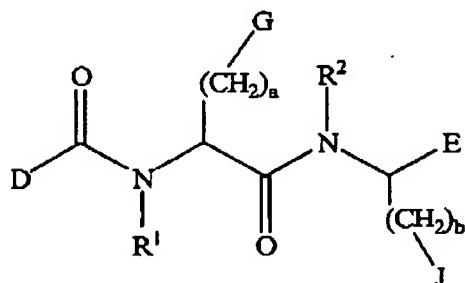
This Claim Listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### CLAIM LISTING

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24. (Currently amended) A compound of Formula I

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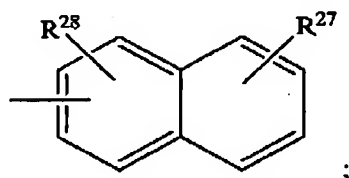


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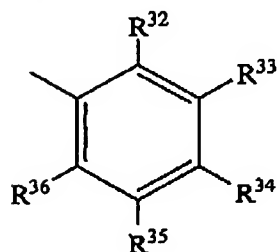
$R^1$  and  $R^2$  are independently hydrogen, or  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl;

$a$  and  $b$  are independently 1 or 2;

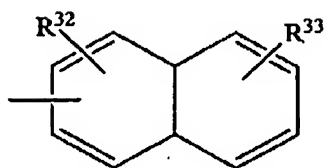
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$J$  is



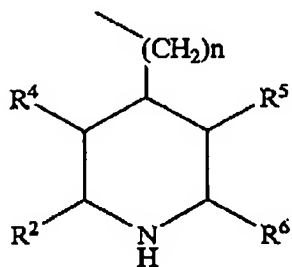
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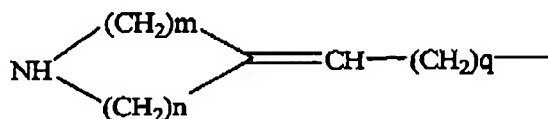
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wherein  $R^{27}$ ,  $R^{28}$ ,  $R^{32}$ ,  $R^{33}$ ,  $R^{34}$ ,  $R^{35}$  and  $R^{36}$  independently are hydrogen;

D is



or



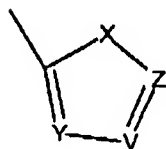
wherein  $R^3$ ,  $R^4$ ,  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  are independently hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  
 $n$ ,  $m$ , and  $q$  are independently 0, 1, 2, or 3;

when E is



wherein  $R^{12}$  is hydrogen and  $R^{13}$  is  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl

or



wherein

X is  $-\text{O}-$ ,

Z is  $-\text{N}=$ ,

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V is  $-C(R^{16})=$

Y is  $-N=$ ,

$R^{16}$  is  $-(CH_2)_wR^{19}$ ;

~~$R^{12}$ ,  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{19}$  are independently hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl  
and w is independently 0, 1, 2 or 3;~~

wherein  $R^{19}$  is  $C_{1-6}$ -alkyl and w is independently 0, 1, 2 or 3,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 24, wherein D is piperidin-4-ylidenyl or 2-methylpiperidin-4-yl.

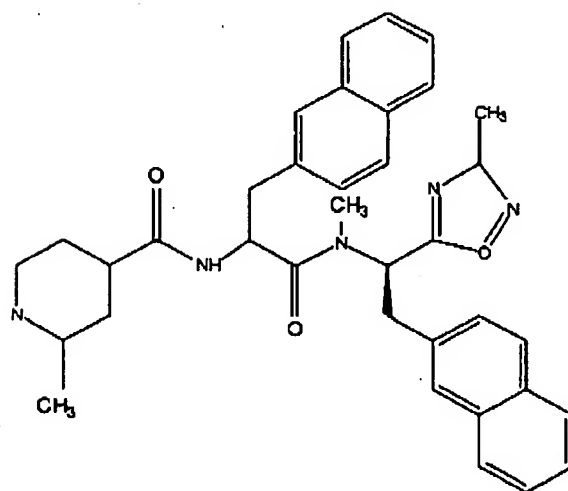
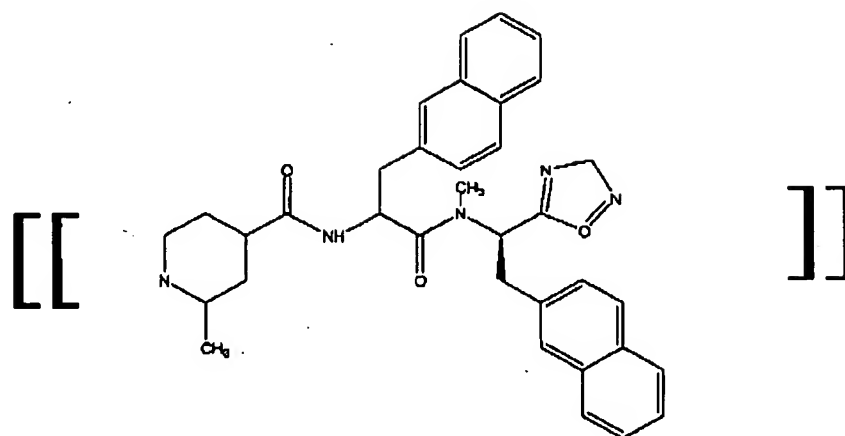
26. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 24, wherein E is methylcarbonyl or 3-methyl-1,2,4-oxadiazol-5-yl.

27. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 24, wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently are hydrogen, methyl or ethyl.

28. (Previously presented) The compound according to claim 24, wherein a and b independently are 1.

29. (Currently amended) The compound according to claim 24, wherein said compound is

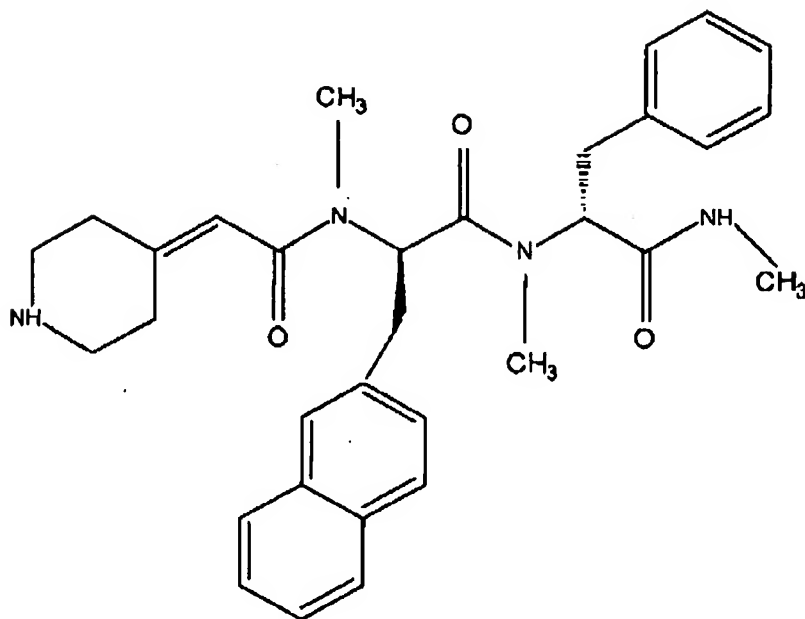
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30. (Currently amended) A method of increasing rate and extent of growth, improving milk and/or wool production and/or treating ailments in an animal resulting from a deficiency of growth hormone, the method comprising administering to said animal in need thereof an effective amount of the compound according to claim 24 25.

31. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a compound according to claim 24 25 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

32. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 31 in unit dosage form, comprising from about 10 to about 200 mg of said compound.

33. (Previously presented) The composition according to claim 31 for oral, nasal, transdermal, pulmonary, or parenteral administration.

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34.(Currently amended) A method of stimulating the release of growth hormone from the pituitary, the method comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the compound according to claim 24 ~~25~~.

35. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 34, wherein the effective amount of said compound is in the range of from about 0.0001 to about 100 mg/kg body weight per day.

36. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 34, wherein said administration is carried out by the oral, nasal, transdermal, pulmonary, or parenteral route.

37. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 34, wherein the effective amount of said compound is in the range of from about 0.001 to about 50 mg/kg body weight per day.